JOANNE'S PREEMIE HAT
Crochet Pattern

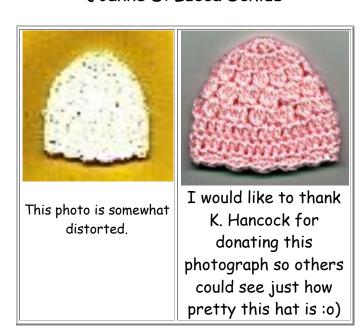The following pattern is an original design created by Joanne Di Lucca Schlub and can only be copied or printed for personal use.

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This photo is somewhat distorted.

I would like to thank K. Hancock for donating this photograph so others could see just how pretty this hat is :o)

This pattern was designed by Joanne Di Lucca Schlub
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MATERIALS: Baby yarn or sport weight yarn, size G crochet hook. Sport weight yarn makes a slightly larger hat. NOTE: For larger sizes, use a size H or I crochet hook.

PATTERN STITCHES:

BEGINNING CLUSTER: Ch 2, *yo, draw up loop in joining, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook, repeat from * one time (3 loops on hook), yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

CLUSTER: *yo, draw up loop in ch-1 space, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook; repeat from * two times. Yo and draw through 4 loops on hook.

BEGINNING V-STITCH: Ch 5, dc in same ch as joining.

V-STITCH: Dc, ch 2, dc in top of cluster.

PREEMIE HAT:
Ch 6 loosely. Join with slip stitch to form a ring.

ROUND 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in same stitch as joining, 2 dc in each chain around. Join with slip stitch to third chain of ch-3. (12 dc)

ROUND 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in same stitch, 2 dc in each dc around. Join as in round one. (24 dc)

ROUND 3: Beginning cluster in joining. Ch 1, *skip next dc, cluster in following dc, ch 1. Repeat from * ten times. Join with slip stitch to top of beginning cluster. (12 clusters)

ROUND 4: Beginning V-stitch in joining. Cluster in ch-1 space, ch 1, skip next cluster, cluster in next ch-1 space. *V-stitch in next cluster, cluster in next ch-1 space, ch 1, skip next cluster, cluster in next ch-1 space. Repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch to third chain of ch-5 (beginning V-stitch). (6 V-stitches, 12 clusters)

ROUND 5: Ch 3, cluster in ch-2 space of V-stitch, dc in next dc, ch-1, skip next cluster, cluster in ch-1 space, ch 1; *dc in next dc, cluster in ch-2 space, dc in next dc, ch 1, skip next cluster, cluster in ch-1 space, ch 1. Repeat from * four times. Join with slip stitch to third chain of ch 3.

ROUND 6: Ch 3, dc in each cluster, dc and ch-1 space around (36 dc). Join with slip stitch to third ch of ch-3.

ROUND 7: Ch 2, hdc in each dc around.

ROUND 8: Ch 1, sc in joining, sc in next hdc. *ch 1, skip next hdc, sc in following 2 hdc. Repeat from * around ending with ch 1, skip last hdc, join with slip stitch to first sc.

ROUND 9: Slip stitch in next sc. *2 hdc in ch-1 space, skip next sc, slip stitch in following sc. Repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch in first sc of round 9. End off and weave in yarn end.
Pom-pom may be sewn to top of hat.

Note: V-stitch may be made with dc, ch 1, dc. This makes the hat seem slightly less round. I prefer the ch 2. Also, the scallop edge may be made with 3 hdc in the ch-1 spaces instead of 2 hdc..

VARIATIONS: This hat is cute with Rounds 3-5 and 8-9 done in a contrasting color with the pom-pom in the same contrasting color.

POM-POM: Make a guide--I taped 3 standard business cards together. Wind yarn 35 times around short side of the card. Slip off yarn and tie in the middle with a 8-inch piece of matching yarn. Snip folds of yarn and fluff. Run ends of tie through holes in the top of the hat(crown) and tie on the inside to attach. Trim.

I wash my hats by hand in a small amount of mild detergent and rinse twice, squeezing out as much water as possible. Then I dry them in a clothes dryer--this makes the pom-poms fluffy.

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